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h) very: *I'm awfully sorry to bother you so nicely again.*
i) unpleasantly: *we played awfully.*
wil | ▶adv. for a short time: *stand here*

English *ān'hwīlē* '(for) a while.'

adverb **awhile** (*we paused awhile*) should one word. The noun phrase, meaning 'a while', esp. when preceded by a preposition, often as two words (*Margaret rested for a while there in a while*). See also **usage at**

whirl | ▶adj. [predic.] in a whirl; whirling: *her hair with images.*

awkward | ▶adj. 1 causing difficulty; hard to do: *one of the most awkward jobs is painting awkward questions | the wheelbarrow can maneuver.*

liberally unreasonable or uncooperative: *darned awkward! I please excuse my e's at an awkward age.*

causing embarrassment or inconvenience: *in a very awkward situation.*

or graceful; ungainly: *Luther's awkward gaited his progress | she was long-legged and d.*

able or abnormal: *make sure the baby isn't in an awkward position.*

ES **awk•ward•ly** adv.; **awk•ward•ness** n.

Middle English (in the sense 'the wrong upside down'): from dialect *awk* 'backwards, clumsy' (from Old English *aw* 'turned the wrong way')

▶n. the period of adolescence marked by self-centered and moody behavior.

small pointed tool used

holes, esp. in leather.

English *awl*, of German

awl a stiff bristle, esp. growing from the ear or eye, rye, and many grasses.

awl | ▶n. English, from Old Norse *ugn*; related to Danish *avn*.

awning | ▶n. a sheet of canvas or other material in a frame and used to keep the sun or front, window, doorway, or deck.

17th cent. (originally in nautical use): from Latin *au-* + *gnus*.

◀n. past of **AWAKE**.

◀n. past participle of **AWAKE**.

▶adj. [predic.] Military absent from where but without intent to desert: *the men*

OL | humorous now the parrot has gone

Os: acronym from *absent without (official)*

adv. & adj. away from the appropriate, expected course; amiss: [as adv.] *many*

ces go awry | [as predic.adj.] *I got the impression was awry.*

normal or correct position; askew: [as

was halless, his silver hair awry.

Middle English: from A-2 'on' + **WRY**.

▶adj. [attrib.] informal (of a personal quality or deprecating and shy: *his aw-shucks nice-ness is conniving nature.*

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